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SUBJECT: VISIT BY UNESCO REPS TO JERUSALEM

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1. DDG FOBES INFORMED PERMREP JONES THAT BOLLA AND CONTON, UNESCO SECRETARIATE, ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY, MONDAY JULY 8. THEY ARE DUE TO MEET WITH BAR YAKOV, GOI FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND STAY IN JERUSALEM BALANCE OF THIS WEEK. DISCUSSIONS WILL BE "ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST" WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO UNESCO RESOLUTIONS. IMPLICATION IS THAT TALKS WILL BE PRELIMINARY "ICE BREAKING" AND WILL COVER PROBLEM OF EXCAVATIONS AND EDUCATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. BOLLA IS DIRECTOR, DEPT. FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND WILL BE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EXCAVATIONS PROBLEM. CONTON, DIRECTOR, DIV. OF EQUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY WILL BE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION OF REFUGEES.

2. AS TO POSSIBLE VISIT BY LEMAIRE, FOBES INDICATED THIS IS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY, BUT WILL DEPEND ON
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OUTCOME PRESENT BOLLA VISIT. FOBES DID NOT KNOW OF ANY

INVITATION FROM MAYOR OF JERUSALEM TO LEMAIRE AS REPORTED BY BELGIAN AMBASSADOR VAN USSEL. HOWEVER, FOBES THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD WAY TO FOCUS VISIT BY LEMAIRE.

3. AS TO CURRENT STATUS HELSINKI MEETING, NAJMAN, FOBES, FERNIG, HAVE ALL BEEN CONSULTED IN DETAIL ABOUT PROPOSED MEETING AND POSSIBILITY OF INVITATION TO ISRAELI EXPERT. INVITATION DOES INDEED SEEM TO BE ON TRACK, BUT DG WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION. PERMREP CONCURS THAT NO FURTHER DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE TO M'BOW. FOBES CONCURS THIS RECOMMENDATION. MUCH WILL PROBABLY DEPEND ON OUTCOME CURRENT JERUSALEM TALKS AND M'BOW MAY NOT MAKE DECISION UNTIL HE HEARS FROM BOLLA. PERMREP IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SECRETARIATE AND WILL BE INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

4. M'BOW RETURNED FROM ECOSOC THIS MORNING. HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO MEET WITH AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AT THE OAU SUMMIT MEETING IN KAMPALA ON JULY 26. HE LEAVES FOR STATE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA ON SATURDAY JULY 12, RETURNING ON JULY 22. THIS MEANS HE WILL BE HERE THROUGH THIS WEEK AND AGAIN ON JULY 23, 24 AND 25.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AMCONSUL JERUSALEM MAY HAVE CONCERNING VISIT OF BOLLA AND CONTON.
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